

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An image forming apparatus comprising:**
image forming means for forming an image on a recording sheet;
a first feeding path for feeding the recording sheet to the image forming means;
a second feeding path for feeding the recording sheet to the image forming means; and
a guide member rotatably provided at a merge portion of the first feeding path and the second feeding path for guiding the fed recording sheet to the image forming means,
wherein when the guide member is rotated by pushing with the recording sheet fed through the second feeding path, the rotation of the guide member is limited by the image forming means.
- 2. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the guide member closes the first feeding path and the second feeding path, and the recording sheet fed from the first feeding path and the second feeding path rotate the guide member and is fed to the image forming means.**
- 3. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the guide member closes the second feeding path at the merge portion when the recording sheet is fed from the first feeding path to the image forming means, and the upper surface of the guide member is used as the first feeding path.**
- 4. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the guide member is made of a thin elastic sheet material so as to be rotated by the recording sheet fed from the second feeding path, and curved by the contact with the image forming means for forming a smooth feeding path.**
- 5. The image forming apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 3,**

wherein the image forming means is provided detachably from an apparatus main body and the guide member is rotated at the time of detaching the image forming means so as to expose the merge portion.

6. An image forming apparatus comprising:

a process cartridge provided detachably to an apparatus main body;
a first feeding unit;
a first feeding path connected the first feeding unit with the process cartridge;
a second feeding unit;
a second feeding path connected the second feeding unit with the process cartridge; and

a rotatable guide member disposed at a merge portion of the first feeding path and the second feeding path so as to close the second feeding path,

wherein the guide member is rotated by pushing with the recording sheet to be fed in the second feeding path so as to be contacted with the process cartridge.

7. The image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the guide member is provided so as to close also the first feeding path, and it is rotated by pushing with the recording sheet to be fed in the first feeding path so as to be contacted with the process cartridge.

8. The image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the guide member is made of a thin elastic sheet material so as to be rotated by pushing with the recording sheet fed from the second feeding path, and curved by the contact with the image forming means for forming a smooth feeding path.